

A Legacy of A True Friend

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Joseph “Uncle Joe” David Krout III, 78, of Orange, Texas, passed away on Friday, January 20, 2012.

Born in Camden, New Jersey on December 4, 1933, Joe was the son of Joseph David Krout, Jr. and Helen Viola (Hanner) Krout. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a Senior Technician for DuPont for 33 years. Joe was a life member of the Lone Star Bowhunters Association, Traditional Bowhunters of Texas, and the National Rifle Association.

Preceded in death by his son, Joseph David Krout, IV (better known to friends as “Tiger” or “T. Joe” Krout). Joe is survived by his wife, Teresa Krout of Orange; sister, Joan Delores Tucker and husband Earl of Austin; nieces and nephews, their spouses; sister-in-laws and brother-in-laws; great-nieces and great-nephews and other loving family members and friends.

Losing “Uncle Joe” has been very difficult. There really are no words to express his influence on people he touched. It is through his examples and love for life that we've learned what true friendship means.

Joe was a hardworking, strong, loving, and gentle man. He loved his family and was deeply devoted to his wife, son, and all his friends.

His favorite past times were bow hunting, bow fishing, racing, building model air planes, and living life to its fullest. His favorite meal was a “rare” steak, baked potato, salad, and sometimes dessert.

As long as I can remember, I always looked forward to Uncle Joe coming for another adventurous trip. Each trip or visit with Joe was a learning experience. He truly believed that if you worked hard, treated people right, and with a little love from God, you would have a good life.

My family and I enjoyed many Thanksgivings, archery tournaments, and hunting trips with Joe. We would enjoy all of Joe's jokes, stories, fibs, and knowledge. He would always push my brother and I to do the very best and chase our fondest dreams.

Joe always had a camera in his hands recording history of his trips, after which he would share his glamor shots. There were very few times in which he didn't have pictures of the events, including, TBoT, Stick Bow Round Up, LSBA shoots and banquets, hunting and bow fishing events. Joe Krout will truly be missed by many.

God Bless you Joe. Thank you for all of your memories.